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Abstract

This invention relates to a cosmetic composition comprising:

(1) rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis* L. extract) – 0.001% - 10%;

(2) henna (*Lawsonia inermis* L. extract) – 0.001% - 10%;

(3) melanin – 0.000005% - 5%;

and also to compositions containing

(1) rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis* L. extract) – 0.001% - 10%;

(2) henna (*Lawsonia inermis* L. extract) – 0.001% - 10%;

(3) melanin – 0.000005% - 5%; and

(4) sunflower (*Helianthus annuus* L. extract) – 0.0001% - 10%.

Combination of the above naturally-occurring components is suitable for preparing finished cosmetic compositions in association with an acceptable cosmetic base.

The compositions are particularly useful for dark hair and exhibit sun protection against UV radiation, protection of hair fiber chemical structure, protection and retention of hair color and appropriate gloss.